

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE of the NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION for the ADVANCEMENT of  
COLORED PEOPLE, on behalf of itself and its  
members, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WILLIAM LEE, in his official capacity as Governor of  
the State of Tennessee, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil No. 3:20-cv-01039

JUDGE RICHARDSON  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
FRENSLEY

[Putative Class Action]

**NOTICE OF INFORMATION REGARDING JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENT**

In light of the upcoming status conference, Plaintiffs respectfully submit this notice of information that has come to Plaintiffs' attention and may bear on this matter's judicial assignment.

This case was previously assigned to Judge Campbell, who, following a status conference in October 2024, invoked Judicial Ethics Canon 3(D) and sought the parties' positions on whether he should recuse himself due to a personal relationship with an attorney who had recently joined the Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC), a defendant in this case. *See* Doc. 326 at 14 (citing Minute Entry for Proceedings). Judge Campbell ultimately recused on November 19, 2024. Doc. 321.

Since reassignment, it has come to the attention of Plaintiffs' counsel that the attorney who recently joined TDOC previously served as a law clerk for this Court. Accordingly, Plaintiffs bring this information to the Court's attention for any consideration it deems appropriate under applicable judicial ethics principles.

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